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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MILI, SF, MZ  
SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VESSEL STRAFED

1. A DURBAN-BOUND SOUTH AFRICAN COASTAL FREIGHTER HAS REPORTED BEING STRAFED WITH MACHINE GUN FIRE BY AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT WHILE OFF THE COAST OF MOZAMBIQUE JULY 24. ACCORDING CAPTAIN OF M/V LIMPOPO, OWNED BY DURBAN-BASED UNICORN LINES, SHIP WAS TWELVE NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF PONTO DO OURO AND SIX NAUTICAL MILES FROM COAST WHEN ATTACK OCCURRED. THE PLANE, A LIGHT AIRCRAFT, MADE EIGHT SEPARATE MAST-HIGH ATTACKS AND, AFTER BREAKING OFF LAST ATTACK, FLEW TOWARDS MOZAMBIQUE COAST. WHILE CREWMEN COULD NOT IDENTIFY PLANE OR ITS OCCUPANTS, SHIP'S CHIEF ENGINEER WAS ABLE TO PHOTOGRAPH PLANE. FILM HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION. THERENWERENNO INJURIES TO SHIP' PERSONNEL.

2. NATAL MERCURY QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED FORMER MEMBER OF MOZAMBIQUE FLYING CLUB AS SAYING FRELIMO GOVERNMENT HAS NO MILITARY AIRCRAFT, BUT THAT CUBAN AND RUSSIAN INSTRUCTORS ARE TRAINING PILOTS ON CIVILIAN CRAFT. MERCURY'S INFORMANT  
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STATES ALL PRIVATE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN EXPROPRIATED BY FRELIMO

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